

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
 Rioting in South Africa spread yesterday from Soweto, where it recently originated, to at least 11 other black areas. There were attacks on schools, Government offices and commuter buses. The police opened fire in at least three townships and in Alexandra they killed two youths who, the police said, had attacked a police vehicle. The worst of the trouble was in Soweto and in Alexandra, where gangs of youths renewed their attempts to stop blacks from going to work for white employers in Johannesburg. The gangs set up roadblocks to halt commuter buses and stoned the buses. In the meantime, Prime Minister John Vorster, in a South African magazine interview, said the country was in a serious situation, but that it was not critical, as South African opponents of apartheid have suggested. He said the Government would listen to black protests, but would not permit an insurrection. [Page 1, Column 5.]

The United States and Pakistan have agreed to seek a compromise that would prevent a confrontation over Pakistan's plans to build a French-designed nuclear fuel-making plant. It was announced by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger after talks with Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in Lahore. Mr. Bhutto consented to work out a formula that would insure that Pakistan would not be able to divert material into nuclear explosives, Mr. Kissinger said. [1:4.]

National

Tactical skirmishes between the partisans of President Ford and Ronald Reagan marked the opening of preliminary activities of the Republican National Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Both sides proclaimed a strategy of party unity. [1:1-2.]

Well-placed officials in Washington said that if President Ford does not choose John B. Connally as his running mate he may appoint him as chairman of his election campaign. Putting Mr. Connally in charge of the campaign was said to have been suggested to the President by several of his associates who believe that a Ford-Connally ticket would make Watergate a bigger issue than ever among the Democrats. Rogers C. B. Morton, the chairman of the President Ford Committee, supports Mr. Connally as his replacement. [1:1-2.]

After eight and a half days of deliberations, a jury in Los Angeles found William and Emily Harris, companions of Patricia Hearst in the so-called Symbionese Liberation Army, guilty of kidnapping, robbery and auto theft. But the Harrises were acquitted of aiding and abetting Miss Hearst when she opened fire to assist them in avoiding arrest at a sporting goods store in 1974. [1:3.]

Metropolitan

Hurricane Belle swept up the Atlantic coast and headed straight for Long Island with the eye of the storm still some 70 miles and two hours away, Belle's advance winds struck Long Island shortly after 10 P.M., bringing drenching rains and high tides that buffeted shore areas already evacuated by emergency officials. [1:8.]

Thousands of Long Island residents were evacuated from vulnerable shore areas. Hurricane winds—the first to hit in Long Island in 16 years—gusted up to 40 miles an hour and struck South Shore communities at about 10:30 P.M. as the eye of the storm neared. Governor Carey ordered the National Guard armories in Suffolk County to give shelter to the evacuees. [1:6-7.]

Hurricane Belle skirted the southern New Jersey coast last night, passing some 50 miles out to sea, but it sent waves, gale-force winds and heavy rain ashore, flooding low-lying areas, smashing windows and knocking out electrical power in dozens of communities. Thousands of vacationers left shore resorts that had been ordered evacuated, and a Civil Defense command post for the state was set up in West Trenton at the headquarters of the State Police. [1:6-8.]

More layoffs of New York City's municipal hospital employees will be necessary in less than five months if the hospital system in the meantime cannot reduce its costs or produce new revenues from outside sources, according to city, state and hospital officials. The surrender of a cost-of-living wage increase agreed to by striking hospital employees last week to forestall layoffs will not be sufficient, the officials said, to make up for a deficit of \$21 million to \$23 million that the city's Health and Hospitals Corporation expects to follow the state's new Medicaid reimbursement rates for the 16 hospitals in the municipal system. [1:4.]

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Quotation of the Day
 "Right now, this is the most important office in the whole country, and the most important people in the United States are working here today. It's a tremendous responsibility, but we enjoy it."—Harold M. Gibson, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in New York City. [17:4.]

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CORRECTION
 The Arts and Leisure Guide in The New York Times on Sunday incorrectly listed Skitch Henderson as appearing at Michael's Pub this week.